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On February 19, 2003, Commerce and Insurance Commissioner Paula Flowers announced the appointment of Mary Clement as the new state director of Consumer Affairs. The wife of former Congressman Bob Clement, Mary Clement was born in Nashville, Tennessee. She grew up in South Nashville and attended public schools in Davidson County, graduating from Glenclyff High School. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Science from Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee and served as a substitute teacher in the Fairfax County, Virginia school system.

Mary's work experience includes service with the Tennessee State Departments of Industrial Development, Conservation, Education, Personnel and Human Services. She also served as Administrative Assistant at Commerce Union Bank's National Division, and was A.A. to U.S. Congressman Robin Beard, heading the Memphis Office for the Sixth Congressional District. In addition to working in the public and private sectors, for ten years she was the owner and operator of the Pear and Partridge Shop, a local gourmet fruit and gift basket business.

Over the years Mary has been involved with various service organizations, including the Nashville Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau. She has also served as the President of the Congressional Club in Washington, representing the spouses of the House and the Senate, Republicans and Democrats.

Additionally, Mary serves on the Advisory Board for Congressional Families for Breast Cancer Awareness, the Boy's and Girl's Clubs of Middle Tennessee, the Ingram Cancer Center at Vanderbilt, and the Honorary Board of the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere.

Mary enjoys tennis, hiking, walking, reading, and keeping journals. After the death of her parents she published a book, Around the Kitchen Table (Lessons Learned and Lives Shaped).